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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA PRESS REPORTS LUANDA SUMMIT SPEECHES

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1. APRIL 20 BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS FEATURED ARTICLE (WE PRESUME BASED ON REUTERS) EXCERPTING THE VISITING FRONT-LINE PRE-SIDENTS SPEECHES AT APRIL 18 MASS RALLY IN LUANDA. FOLLOWING ARE SECTIONS OF THE ARTICLE WITH SOME QUOTES.

2. KHAMA: "SO LONG AS THERE ARE STILL PEOPLES STRUGGLING FOR LIBERTY WE CAN NOT CONSIDER OURSELVES FREE. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT THERE ARE PEOLPE WHO DENY US THIS FREEDOM. AND FOR REASON WE MUST BE CAREFUL ABOUT PEOPLE WHO OFTEN HOVER AROUND AS FRIENDS, BECAUSE SOME OF THEM ARE WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING. WE MUST PICK OUT OUR REAL FRIENDS FROM OUR ENEMIES".

HE CALLED FOR VIGILANCE, SAYING IMPERIALISM USED MANY AFRICANS TO DESTROY INDEPENDENT PEOPLE. "WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA. ALTHOUGH WE UNCLASSIFIED

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COME FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WE FORM A WHOLE".

3. MACHEL: "WE CAME HERE TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE IN THIS COMMON STRUGGLE, BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVES - THE OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE OUR PRIVILEGE - TO FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND SERVE THE PEOPLE.

IN OUR VISIT TO THIS HISTORIC CITY, WHERE THE FIRST SHOTS WERE FIRED, WE ARE HERE TO CONFIRM AND REAFFIRM OUR SOLIDARITY

WITH THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA, ABOVE ALL AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME WHEN IMPERIALISM IS TRYING TO DESTROY THE VICTORIES OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE, AT THIS HESITANT MOMENT WHEN IMPERIALISM HAS ALREADY NOT HESITATED TO MOUNT AN OPEN ATTACK TO DESTROY THE SECURE REARGUARD WHICH IS BEING BUILT IN ANGOLA TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL FIGHTING FOR THEIR FREEDOM, SUCH AS IS THE CASE OF NAMIBIA.

4. NYERERE: "THE PEOPLE OF MAZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA PROVED IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT IMPERIALISM. IT IS THANKS TO THAT VICTORY THAT WE ARE MEETING HERE IN THIS PLACE TO EXPRESS OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND WE HOPE LATER TO VISIT THEIR INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES TO CONGRATULATE THEM, TOO, ON THEIR VICTORY."

5. KAUNDA: "PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE ENEMIES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS HAD GREAT POWER, THEY WERE INCAPABLE OF DEFEATING PEOPLES STRUGGLING FOR THEIR FREEDOM. ALTHOUGH THE STRUGGLE WOULD BE LONG AND HARD, THEY WOULD INEVITABLY BE BEATEN.

PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID THE OPPRESSED BLACK MASSES WERE GOING TO WIN THEIR STRUGGLE NO MATTER WHAT THE ODDS. HE EXPRESSED TOTAL SUPPORT FOR BLACK ZIMBABWEANS, NAMIBIANS AND SOUTH AFRICANS."

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